

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GRAND MASTER

Petersburg Sir Knights Drink to the Health of Most Eminent Henry Warren Rugg.

### ENJOY A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Joyous Celebration in Petersburg, but Very Little Disorder—Day in Other Places.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., December 25.—A large array of the Sir Knights of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, headed by Eminent Commander Sir Charles E. Bost, assembled at the hall at noon today to participate in the following sentiments: To our Most Eminent Grand Master Henry Warren Rugg, with the love, respect and cordial support of 172,000 loyal Sir Knights, to which a beautiful response from the grand master, bearing the "Christmas message of love and service," was impressively announced.

**Joyous Christmas Day.**  
Christmas Day has been celebrated by a host of merry-makers in the principal streets with an unending cannonade of firecrackers and a host of horns and bells, but a standard of good order and careful enforcement of ordinances has been maintained throughout the city by Chief of Police Hagland and his men that is a credit to the department. About the usual number of petty offenders has been arrested, but not a serious case of trouble has yet been reported at police headquarters.

Special Christmas services were held in the Catholic and Episcopal churches, where the music was a beautiful feature of the religious observance of the day. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church the music was rendered by a choir of children. High mass was celebrated by Rev. Father J. T. O'Farrell at the morning services, and the sermons were preached by Rev. Father Jerome Dougherty, S. J., of Woodstock College. At the evening services Rev. Father O'Farrell was assisted by Rev. Father Coleman, of Manchester, and Rev. Father Konick, of Prince George county.

Christmas tree entertainments will be given to-morrow afternoon and evening at the Westminster Bible school, the Old Street Presbyterian Church, Market Street Methodist Church Sunday-school, and at the Grady Memorial and Rosewood Churches, in Prince George county.

**Mr. Gerow Quizzes.**  
S. G. Gerow has qualified as commissioner of revenue for the second district of Dinwiddie county, giving the required bond of \$2,000. Mr. Gerow was appointed last Friday by Judge Walter A. Watson, of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie.

The first Christmas fire called out the department this afternoon to a small blaze in a frame house on Wilcox Street, owned by J. M. Wilkerson, and occupied by a colored family. The fire was soon extinguished, with little damage resulting.

### VERY QUIET IN LYNCHBURG

Day Given to Reunions and Visiting, With Few Fireworks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—Christmas passed off quietly in Lynchburg, the day being a holiday in every respect. There was a general closing in business circles, and the day was given over largely to family reunions and visiting. The City Council having refused to suspend the ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks and firecrackers, the day was not marked by noisy demonstrations.

The Salvation Army to-night gave a treat to 300 of the poorer children of the city, this following the distribution of baskets of provisions for a Christmas dinner to 175 families last evening. A treat is to be given to the poorer children Saturday afternoon by the Elks Lodge, when about 500 will be entertained at the Elks Home.

**In Runnocks.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ROANOKE, VA., December 25.—The Christmas holiday passed over very quietly. Business was generally suspended today. There were a number of fights and drunks, but no serious troubles.

**VIRGINIA MILLS COMPANY.**  
Articles of Incorporation Recorded in Nansemond County.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, VA., December 25.—A certificate of incorporation to the Virginia Mills, Incorporated, has been recorded in the Nansemond county clerk's office.

## Sunday Evening

Many persons do not feel like eating a regular supper, but need something light and wholesome to sustain them. Elijah's Manna seems the most convenient and appetizing food obtainable.

It is made from white corn, rolled between steel rollers into light fragrant flakes and toasted to a light brown which makes it very easily digested and gives the peculiar, appetizing flavor.

Pour out what you want and with the addition of good cream you get a dish so deliciously tempting as to create a desire for more. And don't stop with one dish if you want more.

Sold by grocers—Large Family size pkg. 15c.

There's enough in a small package for a convincing "taste" for the whole family, but you'd better take home a full-size family package (for over Sunday) of the most deliciously flavoured flake food known.

Be sure the food comes to the table crisp. When package is allowed to remain open the moisture of the air makes it tough. In such case insist that it be dried in an oven as per directions on pkg., then it is delicious.

# Elijah's Manna

Made by Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

## CASTORIA

for Infants and Children.

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles and cures Constipation. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

*Chas. H. Fletcher*  
In Use For Over 30 Years.

MARY E. WILKINS VERY ILL



MRS. CHARLES M. FREEMAN.

Mrs. Charles M. Freeman, better known as Mary E. Wilkins, the author, is seriously ill at her old home at Randolph, Mass. Mrs. Freeman's husband is also ill with pneumonia at a hospital in Boston, and unable to go to his wife's bedside. Dr. Freeman, it will be remembered, was the Democratic candidate for mayor of his home town of Hingham, New Jersey, at the recent election. He was defeated by Jesse H. Jackson.

The principal office is in Suffolk, and the object is to conduct a general milling and grain business. The capital stock of the concern shall not be less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000, to be divided into shares whose par value shall be \$100 each. The amount of real estate to be held at any one time shall not exceed 100 acres.

The following are the names of the officers: W. W. Robertson, of Norfolk, president; W. E. Flournoy, of Norfolk, vice-president; J. W. Simmons, of Suffolk, secretary and treasurer; Allen G. Burrow, of Norfolk, counsel, and the following directors, all of whom live in Norfolk except the two last mentioned, who reside in Suffolk: W. W. Robertson, W. E. Flournoy, J. D. Burrow, J. H. Cofer, V. L. Cofer, S. B. Standfield, Allen G. Burrow, V. W. Emory, John B. Pinner and J. W. Simmons.

The new concern bought the plant of R. C. Barton, formerly Barton & Jeffries.

**MANY LYNCHBURGERS WED.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—The cry of stringent times appears not to have been a check on the number of marriages in Lynchburg during the Christmas season, as the number of

licenses already issued this year has broken all records. In 1905 the total number was 406, but this record was broken early yesterday, and it is believed that the record will go above 425 for the entire year. There has been a large increase in the number of white marriages.

### FIRE AT WILLIAMSBURG

Residence Occupied by the C. & O. Agent Burned Christmas Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 25.—The residence occupied by M. T. Shipman, agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was destroyed by fire to-day at 2 P. M.

Mr. Shipman happened to step out of the house, and just as he reached the foot of the steps discovered smoke coming from the roof of the building. He at once gave the alarm.

By the heroic efforts of the men that answered the alarm, most of all the furniture was saved. The roof looked as if it would fall in at any moment while the men were in the house. The origin of the fire is unknown. The residence was owned by Judge Sydney Smith, of Yorktown, Va.

The \$2,000 fire engine failed to work.

### WIFE NO. 1 IS RELEASED

Could Not Be Made to Testify Against Her Husband, Charged With Bigamy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PORTSMOUTH, VA., December 25.—Roxanna Bell Owens, who figured in the recent bigamy proceedings in the local police court against Joseph Linwood Owens, as his first wife, is no longer detained by the police. Efforts were made to hold the woman after Owens had been sent on to the District Court by Mayor Reed, the latter desiring to be assured of her presence at the grand jury's investigation in February, but she has been released.

It was the contention of Owens' attorneys in the police court that the prisoner's first wife could not testify against him, and Judge Bain has also ruled that the contention of counsel was correct; consequently the police have released her.

### TWO RAILROAD MEN DIE

One Found Dead in His Bed, and the Other Succumbed to Injuries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., December 25.—Thomas G. King, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western, aged twenty-two years, was found dead in his bed at his boarding-house this morning. Heart failure is given as the cause of death. The body was taken to Henry county to-day.

Charles B. Doyler, a yard employee of the Norfolk and Western, who was struck by a train yesterday afternoon, died at the hospital to-day. He was forty years of age, and leaves a wife and three children.

### JEWEL FOR TEMPLARS

Fast Commanders of St. Omer Are Honored by Brethren.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., December 25.—St. Omer Commandery of Bristol held an interesting presentation ceremony this week, at which time jewels were presented to the fast and worthy commanders, Charles J. Sevier, J. H. Swan and N. R. Cowan. The presentation speeches were made by Alton W. C. Sheen, N. D. Bachman and Clarence Borgs, who are also past masters, and who have previously received commandery jewels of their station.

## INSULTING WORDS REPLY OF NEGRO MAN

Insolence of Two Negroes Lead to Exciting Fight in Town of Boydton.

### PURSUED BY POSSE; CAUGHT

One of the Men Just Back from Residence in the North—Illness of Mrs. Hutcheson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., December 25.—Considerable excitement was caused yesterday afternoon by a difficulty between Mr. J. J. Martin, a farmer living near town, and two young negro men named Sam and Garfield Jones. The difficulty occurred at the railway station. Mr. Martin requested the men to move their wagon, which they had loaded from the depot, in order that he might load his. At this request one of the negroes replied in a very offensive manner, and at the same time cursed Mr. Martin, who then struck him. The negroes ran up behind and seized Mr. Martin by the arms and held him while the other Jones beat him in the face and head. Mr. Howard Beiler, county treasurer-elect, who happened to be standing near by, went to the aid of Mr. Martin, when the two negroes turned upon Mr. Beiler and struck him on the head and arm, the last blow being struck with a club. The negroes immediately left town, but were pursued by a posse, headed by the sheriff and town sergeant, and, after a short chase, were brought back and lodged in jail. One of the negroes had just returned from the North.

Mrs. Hutcheson, wife of ex-State Senator J. N. Hutcheson, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks with pneumonia, and has had the attendance of three physicians, is somewhat better, and strong hopes are entertained for her recovery, though she is still very ill.

### ALIENS HOPELESSLY INSANE

Immigration Inspector Morton Delays Deportation of Ida Volkshack.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 25.—United States Immigration Inspector Morton returned yesterday from Marion, this State, where he visited the Southwestern Hospital for the Insane, where is confined Ida Volkshack, the German girl, who is to be sent back to Bremen. It was the intention of the inspector to start for Baltimore with his charge, but upon his arrival he found two more aliens hopelessly insane. One of these is Boris D. Dolevitch, an Austrian, and another of the same nationality, with a cognomen that is unpronounceable. The inspector desired to investigate these two cases, and defer his trip to Baltimore. He will return to Marion next week to close the investigations.

### HOLD NORMAL INSTITUTE

Teachers of Northern Virginia to Assemble at Manassas.

MANASSAS, VA., December 25.—A two-day normal institute, which all public school teachers of Northern Virginia are invited, will be held at Manassas, Va., to-morrow and to-day. The institute will be held under the charge of Dr. Henry M. Smith, division superintendent, and will open on the night of Wednesday, January 1st, with an address by Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joseph D. Bagley. It will continue until the night of Friday, January 3rd, when the closing exercises will be held. The following instructors and lecturers have been engaged: Professor M. S. Gage, of the Farmville Normal; Professor Heck, of the University of Virginia; and Mrs. D. W. Read, of Leesville. The institute will be held at the local schools, the supervising principal.

### BURR IN HIS WINDPIPE

Boy Has Distressing Experience, But Surgeon Relieves Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STODDERT, VA., December 25.—While playing in the field on last Sunday, the son of Mr. T. E. Badgett, fell among some sharp burrs, and by some means got one in his windpipe. His father and Dr. W. E. Anderson, of the Farmville Normal, tried to-day to remove the burr, but failed. Dr. John P. Davidson, who succeeded in extracting it. At this writing the little fellow was doing well, and his friends hope he will soon be himself again.

### NO PIGS IN BIG LYNCHBURG.

Porkers and Cows to Be Legislated Out of Suburbs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—With the operation of Judge Anderson's decree next Wednesday, by which 6,000 people and more than \$2,000,000 of assessed values of realty will be added to the city, hundreds of pig-stys will have been driven out of lawful existence in the suburbs. The same condition applies as to the running at large of cows. The stys will have to be removed.

### Do People Turn Away?

You Can Be Instantly Freed from the Humiliation of Knowing that Others Defect Bad Odors on Your Breath.

Arise from your bed, Smoking, Drinking and Eating.

### Trials Package to Prove It Sent Free.

Breath perfumes do not strike at the root of the evil. They only conceal the odor for a time. But charcoal kills the gas that causes the odor, purifies the food lying in your stomach, gives to the system a new life, gives a clean bill of health. And all the charcoal necessary to obtain these results you can get in a box of Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges, price, 25c.

The uses of charcoal are many. In all cases it is constantly and absolutely pure of product is required. As an absorbent, it is the only one that has no equal. That is why you will invariably find it in every water filter. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are made from pure willow charcoal, with a slight mixture of honey to render them palatable. They will constantly and for you, destroy every particle of poison and impurity, absorb all gas and clean breath, and relieve you from that awkward feeling you are bound to have when you detect by the expression of other people that they smell your bad breath. Many who are fond of out-of-door life, and who are constantly exposed to the heat of the sun, find Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges immediately kills this, however. The same applies to smoking, drinking or chewing of tobacco.

We are so convinced that you will find these lozenges indispensable after trying them, that we will send you a sample package by mail, free, if you will send your name and address to-day to P. S. Stuart Co., 100 Street Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

## R. L. Christian & Co.'s

Make this Christmas a better one than you've ever enjoyed. Our special preparations enable us to offer the finest stock of Holiday Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Nuts, Confections, Cakes, etc., we've ever had. Don't delay your order! Come in now. 'Twill do you good just to look around our big store. Come in!

## Christmas Offerings

### Xmas Nuts

Our stock of Holiday Nuts this year is the best we've ever bought. We were fortunate enough to purchase our nuts from Louisiana and Soft Shell Pecans, extra large—perhaps the only lot of this kind on sale now in Richmond. Other offerings in this line are: Long Naple Filberts, Princes Paper Shell Almonds, Tarragon Almonds, Mayette, Grenoble Walnuts, Brazil Nuts and Brazil Pods, Mixed Nuts, Pecans, shelled whole, also, Shelled Almonds and English and Black Walnuts, Hickory, Pistachio and Pignolia Nuts.

### Home-Made Mince-meat, Fruit Cake and Plum Pudding

We've made special preparations in this line, and are ready to fill your orders promptly and with the best goods of the kind made.

### Celebrated English Crackers

Full assortment of Huntley & Palmers' Fine Crackers, packed in fancy tins, in globes, plates, baskets and other shapes; also in bulk, imported direct by us.

### The Most Acceptable Gift.

Elaborate assortment of the finest groceries, to which every country has contributed its best. All goods sold by us are guaranteed under the U. S. Pure Food Law. We pay especial attention to packing boxes of everything that's good to eat or drink, and nothing will be more appreciated than a Xmas present from our large and varied stocks of Foreign and Domestic Groceries, Liquors and delicacies of all kinds. Don't forget our famous Gordon Smithfield Hams cooked. We can ship these to all parts of the world, and your distant friends will be glad to receive them.

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THERE CAN BE NO MORE VICARIOUS GUILT FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

From one box to five-pound boxes of Chocolates and Mixed Chocolates and Bon Bons; also a line of fancy filled baskets.

We have a variety of other good grades of Chocolates and Bon Bons in boxes and loose by the pound, and plain Candies.

### Branded and Fresh Fruits

Agents for Gordon & Dillworth and Miss North, Genesee Jam Kitchen, absolutely the two best packers of fine fruits in glass to be had, including Branded or Pickled or Fresh Peaches, Cherries, white or red; Pears, Southern Figs, Marions and Gooseberries.

### Conserved Fruits.

Absolutely best grade of goods to be found on any market. All varieties—Strawberries, Walnuts, Prunes, Apricots, Pears, Figs, Lemons, Cherries, Pineapples, Angelique, Violets, Rose Leaves, Bishop's Calif. Grace Prunes stuffed with walnuts, apricots or ginger; one-pound boxes, fancy baskets and boxes of French packed assorted conserved fruits.

### Malaga Raisins, Figs and Dates.

All of the best quality obtainable. Malaga Raisins in specially packed decorated boxes, very appropriate for gifts; also fancy packages or jars of Dates and Figs, stuffed with nuts or plain.

### Xmas Cigars.

A large and carefully selected stock of the best brands of Imported and Key West Cigars, including Carolinas, Cabanas, Villars, Henry Clays, Garcias, Don Quoyes, Romeo and Julietts, Bellinas and others.

Distributors of Websters, R. A. Bacala & Co.'s and Park & Tilford's 311 Favorite Key West Cigars, packed in boxes of 25, 50 or 100, ranging from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per 100.

### Holiday Liquors.

Being the largest importers in the South of fine Wines, Liquors and Cordials, we can offer a most complete stock of Sherries, Ports, Manillas, Rhines, and Moselle Wines, Cognacs, Sauternes and Burgundies, Cussons or Foekink's Cordials, Cognac Brandy, Scotch and Irish Whiskies, Jamaica and Santa Cruz Rums; also Virginia Mountain, Gibsons and High Spire straight and blended Whiskies, California and Virginia Apple Brandy.

to go and the cows kept up shortly after the annexation becomes effective. The police board will ask the Council for seven additional policemen to patrol the annexed territory, five of whom are to be mounted on horses.

### A SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. W. E. Terry and Katherine Cramer Are Made Man and Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 25.—A surprise wedding took place on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, at the Baptist parsonage at this place, when Mr. W. E. Terry, of South Boston, led to the altar Miss Katherine Cramer, of Wolf Trap, Rev. A. A. B. Terry, of this city, officiating. Mr. John D. Terry, Jr., brother of the groom, acted as best man, while the groom's sister, Mrs. J. B. Terry, was maid of honor. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were taken to the home of the groom's parents, where an elaborate wedding supper had been prepared, a large gathering of friends being present to greet the bride and groom. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John Cramer, of Wolf Trap, while the groom is a prosperous business man of this place.

### ELKS DELIGHT CHILDREN.

Pleanty of Eat and Gifts for a Thousand Distributed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., December 25.—The Christmas social session of the Danville Lodge of Elks this afternoon was attended by a throng of the poor children of the city, who were given cream, confections, fruits, etc., in abundance. All of the little girls were given Teddy bears as presents, and the boys hoes and knives. The entertainment was most successful in every respect, and was the most successful in years.

### Gifts to Seaboard Officials.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PORTSMOUTH, VA., December 25.—W. L. Seidman, chief engineer of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with headquarters in this city, was presented with a handsome monetary writing desk and a silk umbrella. The tokens came from the office force, through Chief Clerk Cannon, who made the presentation address.

### Fine London Farms Sold.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEESBURG, VA., December 25.—D. W. Breckman, a prominent farmer of Mt. Solon, Augusta county, Va., has purchased the farm of J. S. Rly. Andrew Norman and P. B. Buell, containing 1,000 acres, for \$25,000. These farms are in the best farming section of Broad Run District, Loudoun county.

### A Prospective Wedding.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPOTSVYLVANIA, VA., December 25.—Announcement has been made of the prospective marriage of Mrs. Susie E. Howard, widow of Charles J. Howard, of Livingston District. The marriage will be celebrated at Lebanon Methodist Church in this county soon.

### Stump-Scout Nuptials.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPOTSVYLVANIA, VA., December 25.—A marriage license was issued yesterday from the clerk's office of this county for the marriage of Mr. J. D. Stump, of Spotsylvania county, to Miss Doris E. Scott, daughter of Mr. James Scott, of Massaponax, Va.

### To Hear Exposition Suits.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 25.—It is announced that United States Judge Venable will arrive here on the 31st of January to hold a special term of court. During this term it is expected that the date for the hearing of numerous suits against the Jamestown Exposition Company will be set.

### CHRISTMAS IN OLD BURG.

Sunday School Celebrations, Religious Services and Social.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 25.—St. George's Episcopal Sunday-school held its Christmas celebration last evening, and the occasion was

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